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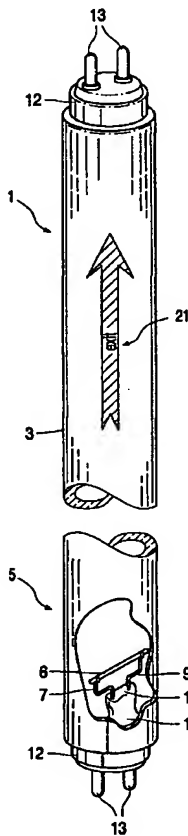
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(54) Title: ILLUMINATING DEVICE



(57) Abstract: An illuminating device has light means for generating light and a light-emitter comprising an after-glowing material for emitting light after the light means is switched off or has extinguished. According to the invention, the light-emitter comprises a predetermined pattern for displaying information. Preferably, the intensity  $I_{lm}$  of the light emitted by the light means as compared to the intensity  $I_{le}$  of the light emitted by the light-emitter is such that  $I_{le}/I_{lm} < 0.1$ , preferably  $I_{le}/I_{lm} < 0.01$ . Preferably, the pattern comprises an alphanumerical character, a logo and/or an arrow. The light-emitter is preferably provided on an electric lamp, on the light emission window of a luminaire or on a display window of a display device. The pattern remains visible after the light means has been switched off or has extinguished.

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